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NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION

FILED UNDER 37 CFR 1.53(b)

Filing Date Granted

An application number and filing date have been accorded to this application. The item(s) indicated below, however, are missing. Applicant is given **TWO MONTHS** from the date of this Notice within which to file all required items and pay any fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

- The statutory basic filing fee is missing.
 Applicant must submit \$ 740 to complete the basic filing fee for a non-small entity. If appropriate, applicant may make a written assertion of entitlement to small entity status and pay the small entity filing fee (37 CFR 1.27).
- The oath or declaration is unsigned.
- To avoid abandonment, a late filing fee or oath or declaration surcharge as set forth in 37 CFR 1.16(I) of \$130 for a non-small entity, must be submitted with the missing items identified in this letter.
- The balance due by applicant is \$ 870.

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RESPONSE TO NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS

Sir:

In response to the Notice to File Missing Parts dated January 28, 2002 applicants submit herewith a duly executed Declaration attached to a copy of the application which was filed on December 21, 2002.

The filing fee and surcharge for late filing of a signed Declaration is attached. A check in the amount of \$ 435.00 is enclosed.

Small Entity Status is being claimed in the above-identified application.

Should any additional fee be required, the Commissioner is authorized to charge such fee, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 11-1835.

As required, a copy of the Notice to File Missing Parts is attached.

To complete the claim to priority in the above-identified application under 35 USC 119, enclosed herewith is a certified copy of the **European** Patent Application No(s). **00128491.8** filed **December 23, 2000** upon which the priority claim is based.

Since all the missing parts have now been supplied, it is submitted that the application is now complete and in form for examination. Accordingly, such examination and prompt allowance are earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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Encls:

Copy of Notice to File Missing Parts; Copy of application with an executed Declaration; Small Entity Status is claimed; Priority Document; Check for \$ 435.00.

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks, Washington, D.C. 20231 on <u>February 27, 2002</u>.

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